

The Fear of the Lord (God)

Purpose: To determine if the “Fear of God” means we should be afraid and or terrified by a God who could kill us in an instant, or does it mean something else.

Job 28:28 And unto man he said, Behold, **the fear of the Lord**, that [is] wisdom; and to **depart from evil [is] understanding**.

yir’âh, yir-aw’; H3374; fear (also used as infinitive); morally, reverence:—

× dreadful, × exceedingly, **fear**(-fulness).

How is it translated in KJV in other references?

1. **fear, terror**
2. awesome or terrifying thing (object causing fear)
3. fear (of God), **respect, reverence**, piety
4. **revered**

So, the fear in Job is it Terror or does it equal reverence.

Psalms 2:11 Serve the LORD with **fear** and rejoice with trembling

Psalms 119:63 I [am] a companion of all [them] that **fear** thee, and of them that keep thy precepts.

H3372 yârê’, yaw-ray’; a primitive root; to fear; morally to **revere**; causatively to frighten:—affright, be (make) afraid, dread(-ful), (put in) fear(-ful, -fully, -ing), (be had in) reverence(-end), × see, terrible (act, -ness, thing).

Proverbs 1:7 The fear (H3374) of the LORD [is] the beginning of knowledge: [but] fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Pro 9:10

The **fear** ^{H3374} of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy *is* understanding. ^{H998}

Pro 15:33

The **fear** ^{H3374} of the LORD *is* the instruction of wisdom; and before honour *is* humility.

What happens if we don’t seek the knowledge of God and fear Him?

Romans 1:21 because, having **known God** they did not glorify [Him] as God, nor gave thanks, but were made vain in their reasonings, and their unintelligent heart was darkened,

Romans 1:22-23 professing to be wise, they were made fools, 23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into the likeness of an image of corruptible man, and of fowls, and of quadrupeds, and of reptiles.

So they knew of God but did not revere Him!

Acts 17-18-26 Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and of the Stoicks, encountered him. And some said, What will this babbler say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection. ¹⁹And they took him, and brought him unto Areopagus, saying, May we know what this new doctrine, whereof thou speakest, *is*?

²⁰For thou bringest certain strange things to our ears: we would know therefore what these things mean. ²¹(For all the Athenians and strangers which were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing.)

²²Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. ²³For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, **TO THE UNKNOWN GOD**. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you. ²⁴God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; ²⁵Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; ²⁶And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; ²⁷That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: ²⁸For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring. ²⁹Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device. ³⁰And the times of this ignorance God winked at; **Here again they knew of the Gods, but not thee GOD so Paul called Him the "Unknown GOD"**

Ecclesiastes 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: **Fear God** and keep his commandments: for this [is] the whole [duty] of man.

Ecclesiastes 12:14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether [it be] good, or whether [it be] evil.

So if we fear God and revere Him we will act like it!

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things [done] in [his] body, according to that he hath done, whether [it be] good or bad.

Ephesians 6:8 Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether [he be] bond or free.

So if we don't act like we fear God then we will be rewarded accordingly!

Philippians 3:18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, [that they are] the enemies of the cross of Christ:

2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

James 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

James 1:23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

1 Timothy 1:5 Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and [of] a good conscience, and [of] faith unfeigned:

2 Corinthians 7:1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the **fear of God**.

G5401. phobos / from a primary phebomai (to be put in fear); alarm or fright:—be afraid, + exceedingly, **fear, terror**

1. fear, dread, terror
2. that which strikes terror
3. reverence for one's husband

Ephesians 5:17 Wherefore be ye **not unwise** but understanding what the will of the Lord [is].

Ephesians 5:21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the **fear of God**.

Philippians 1:10 That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be

Philippians 2:11 And [that] every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ [is] Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

sincere and without offence till the day of Christ;

Philippians 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with **fear and trembling**.

Philippians 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of [his] good pleasure.

Colossians 3:22 Servants, obey in all things [your] masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, **fearing God**:

Colossians 3:25 But he that doeth wrong shall **receive for the wrong** which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons. **Colossians 3:23-25** And whatsoever ye do, do [it] heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; 24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall **receive the reward** of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ. 25 But **he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong** which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.

Colossians 1:9-10 For this cause we also, since the day we heard [it], do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the **knowledge of his will in all**

wisdom and spiritual understanding; 10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and **increasing in the knowledge of God;**

Colossians 1:11-12 Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; 12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

Colossians 3:4 When Christ, [who is] our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

2 Timothy 2:5 And if a man also strive for masteries, [yet] is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully.

2 Timothy 2:5 And if a man also wrestle, yet is he not crowned except he wrestle lawfully. (*Bishop*)

2 Timothy 2:5 And if a man also competes as an athlete, yet is he not crowned, unless he strives lawfully. (*KJ2000*)

2 Timothy 2:5 Also, if anyone competes in athletics, he isn't crowned unless he has competed by the rules. (*World English Bible*)

2 Timothy 2:12-13 If we suffer, we shall also reign with [him]: if we deny [him], he also will deny us: 13 If we believe not, [yet] he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.

2 Timothy 3:17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

thoroughly furnished = equipped.

Romans 8:1 There is, then, now no condemnation to those in Christ Jesus, who walk not according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit;

Ephesians 5:9 for the fruit of the Spirit [is] in all goodness, and righteousness, and truth,

2 Timothy 4:8 henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of the righteousness that the Lord--the Righteous Judge--shall give to me in that day, and not only to me, but also to all those loving his manifestation.